

Subject: Pinecastle Turret Rifle and Air to Ground Gunnery Range,  
Pinecastle, Florida.

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Hq., Army Air Forces Tactical Center, Orlando, Florida. 23 February 1944.

TO: Real Estate Branch, Leasing Section, P. O. Box 2169, Orlando, Fla.  
Attn: Mr. Chapman

1. Reference basic communication in connection with a request from the Magnolia Ranch, Inc., for grazing of cattle on public lands.

2. Under the act of 28 July 1892 (27 Stat. 321) the Secretary of War may grant a revocable license, for a period not to exceed 5 years, to the owner of cattle to graze cattle on a Military Reservation where such land is not needed for public use. Such a license should include fair compensation which would ordinarily be secured through competitive bidding.

3. The public lands referred to in basic communication are needed for public use. There would be nothing to prevent the cattle from wandering into other parts of the gunnery range, exposing them to the danger of firing. Employees of the cattle owner would necessarily be required to look after them at least occasionally. Such a situation would probably create accidents and incidents that would interfere with the war effort and invite collision of interest between the Government, the cattle owner, and the public generally.

4. Request of the Magnolia Ranch, Inc., is denied.

For the Commanding General:



C. C. Berry  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief, Materiel Division

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